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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Klaus MINDEL  
ELECTRONIC DRAWBAR  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q76690

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 28 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>14</u>	-	20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>5</u>	-	3	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$168.00
Base Fee										\$750.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>										<b>\$918.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment										\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>										<b>\$958.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$918.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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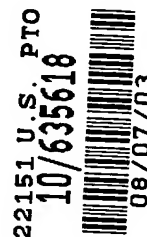
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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	02360240.2	August 12, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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